

available all published by August 9th (Haworth, 2006c) independent for KPPKPP.

records² continues: 290 moves in (Bourzutschky, 2006a; Haworth, 2006) and (Bourzutschky, 2006b). The latest figure (Krabbé, 2006a/b), itself a notable 300m+ of records. Further, Bourzutschky (2005, 2006) and the first full-point mzug with neither Knight about 'general' wins and draws, and notes (Beasley, 2006) 7-man EGTs. Some illustrative positions:

KRBNNKQ: 8/8/8/6N1/5K2/1B6/3k3n/7q w, Black wins, DTC/Z = maxDTC/Z = 517m
 KQBNKQ: Nqn3k1/8/8/Q7/8/8/1K2B3 w, DTC/Z = maxDTC/Z = 317m
 KBBNNKQ: the unique full-point mzug 8/8/8/4q3/2k4N/5B2/N1K2B2 w/b (DTC/Z = 7m & 41m)
 1. Bb5 Qh1+" 2. Ng1 Qh6+" 3. Kb1 Qg6+ 4. Ka2 Qe6+ 5. Ka3 Qd6+ 6. Ka2 Qd5+ 7. Bc4 Qxc4+
 KRBBKQB: 8/8/8/8/2b2q2/B7/1R3B2/2k1K3 w/b, unique full-point mzug (DTZ = 96m and 2m)

Stefan Meyer-Kahlen, working with Eiko Bleicher, has added 3-5-man Win/Draw/Loss (WDL) EGTs to SHREDDER's artillery. The RAM-resident EGTs reduce the requirement for and time taken to access Nalimov DTM EGTs. The computation of WDL EGTs gives a quicker route to the discovery of maxDTC/M/Z and can potentially accelerate the subsequent generation of a DTx EGT as position values are known. We look forward to 6-man WDL EGTs and some WDL statistics from the same quarter.

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Dear Kirsan,

More interesting chess? How about replacing the 50-move rule with a 250-move rule?

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² DTC = Depth to Conversion; DTZ = Depth to (move-count) Zeroing (move), i.e. to P-push, capture and/or mate.